

**Washington, D.C.** – Today, Representative David Price (NC-04), the ranking member of the House Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee, announced that two Durham companies have received a total of \$8.4 million in contracts from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

Under its contracts, IEM will oversee three projects for DHS worth \$7.99 million providing engineering, logistics and data processing support for DHS' Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program. PiTech Solutions will oversee one project for DHS worth \$483,782 providing technical drawing and programming services in support of airplane parts manufacturing conducted by the U.S. Coast Guard Aviation Logistics Center's Industrial Operations Division, located in Elizabeth City, NC.

"I'm very pleased to announce these contracts because they will help meet critical homeland security needs," Rep. Price said. "Our area's emphasis on education, our smart workforce, and our willingness to forge strong public-private partnerships remain central to attracting these investments. I congratulate IEM and PiTech for joining a number of firms across the Fourth District contributing to our homeland security effort."

"CSEPP is one of the most successful protection programs in existence, committed to applying science and technology to ensure protection for those living and working near U.S. chemical weapons stockpile sites," Madhu Beriwal, IEM President and CEO, said. "We are honored that CSEPP is leveraging IEM's proven expertise in science-based approaches to emergency management and homeland security to accomplish their goals. We are especially proud to be involved in designing and conducting their comprehensive exercise program, which is critical to CSEPP's ability to maintain strong levels of public protection."

Senthil Kumar, President of PiTech Solutions said, "PiTech Solutions is honored to support the US Coast Guard Logistics Mission through this new contract. As a North Carolina based Small Business, we feel proud and privileged to contribute to the State's economy and deploy innovative solutions to support our Armed Forces and Department of Homeland Security."

The Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) is a partnership between the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the U.S. Army. It provides emergency preparedness assistance and resources to protect communities near the Army's

chemical warfare stockpiles in the event of a chemical accident or incident. The Army is in the process of eliminating aging chemical munitions and materials stockpiles in accordance with international treaties.

The U.S. Coast Guard Aviation Logistics Center (ALC) is the hub for Coast Guard aviation support. The ALC is the central point for all aircraft repairs. In addition, its responsibilities include management of shipment, component repair and warehousing for all aviation spare parts.

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